



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammargren
Rita Hall

Excused Absence

Carl E. Moore

Others Present

Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Division

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Stathatos, and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 15, 2006 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,159.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Corbett, staff, reported the following:

1. A letter and an e-mail to Unilever in New Jersey and to World Vision Donor Service in Los Angeles were sent out and followed up on for the requested donation.
2. The next year's guest speakers are Ms. Patricia Ploehn of DCFS in January, 2007 and Ms. Sachi A. Hamai of Board of Supervisors in February, 2007
3. There are 16 attendees to the Commission's Christmas Luncheon.
4. The birthday card prepared for Ms. Scates was signed by the Commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Cannella shared with the Commissioners a copy of a letter of invitation from California State Senator Bob Margett. It is the Annual Christmas Party on December 6, 2006, 1:30 p.m. at Afflerbaugh and Paige Probation Camps located at 6611 North Stephens Ranch Road, La Verne, California.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS

South Bay Bright Future #1 – 8, #3

Chair Montano visited this facility on November 20, 2006, and found no one at home. She returned on November 21, 2006 and found the some areas of concern. There is a need to put a ceiling fan in the kitchen. The snacks and beverages were low in supply. However, all the floors had new tile.

Boy's Republic – 10, #2

Chair Montano visited this facility on November 24, 2006 and found no one at home.

West Covina Group Home #1 – 71, #5

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren visited this facility on November 27, 2006 and found it was **closed**.

Mental Health Superior Court (Department 95)

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren inspected this facility on November 28, 2006 and found an area of concern. There is an urgent need for color video screens for safety issues. They found new bathrooms, roof and floors. Everything is cleaned up. Assistant Sheriff Tanaka is scheduled to come to this facility on December 12, 2006 and will give a "*Commendation for Excellence*" Award to Department 95.

Lynwood Cal-Safe

Commissioners Bacio and Hall inspected this school on November 20, 2006. It provides child care, parenting courses, school-age family education, a computer lab, and poetry classes.

East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station

Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore inspected this station on November 28, 2006. They observed and noted areas of concern. No evacuation plan posted, trustees' quarters not cleaned and found mold in bathroom shower. Interior have been freshly painted.

Rosemary Children's Services – 61, #4

(500 House)

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella inspected this facility on November 16, 2006 and found areas of concern. There were two beds without top sheets. Bathroom showers need caulking. Smoke detectors need battery replacement. Probation children are being phased out and will be replaced with DCFS children.

Rosemary Children's Services – 61, #5

(Bonnie House)

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella inspected this facility on November 21, 2006 and found areas of concern. There are three beds without top sheets. Bathroom showers need caulking. There is a need to replace plastic silverware with real silverware. There are many plastic bags of used clothing and large cardboard containers in the basement which are a safety hazard. The interior of the house is in good condition and the exterior was painted.

Rosemary Children's Services – 62, #3

(Romberger House)

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on November 24, 2006 and found it in good condition. There were a couple areas of concern. More silverware is needed and one bed needs a top sheet.

Rosemary Children's Services – 62, #1

(Green House)

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella inspected this facility on November 28, 2006 and found areas of concern. The bedroom closets are soiled. Linens need to be washed more often. Snacks and beverages need to be restocked.

Arrowhead Home – 4, #1

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on November 22, 2006, found no one at home.

Dream Home Care, Inc. #1 – 29, #2

Commissioners Bacio and Moore visited this facility on November 9, 2006 and found no one at home. They returned on November 21, 2006 and found areas of concern. The menu needs to be posted and the furnace grills need cleaning.

Downey Cal-Safe

(Probation School)

Commissioner Bacio inspected this facility on November 16, 2006 and found out that it is a facility for pregnant girls. All subjects are taught leading towards a high school diploma.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano shared inspection assignments with the Commissioners for the following week.

Vice Chair Stathatos inquired about their request to have a van with a driver to inspect Probation Camps in Lancaster, group homes in Malibu, North County Correctional Facility and Pitches Detention Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Corbett
Asst. Chief, Commission Services Division